

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1 1. A method for facilitating access of a network service associated with a
2 local device, comprising the steps of:
3 obtaining an address of the network service from the local device via a direct
4 connection; and
5 facilitating designation of the network service address as a default destination
6 such that a user browser can be redirected directly to the network service when an
7 appropriate command is received.

1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of obtaining an address
2 comprises receiving a URL of the network service from the local printing device.

1 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the network service comprises a web
2 site.

1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of facilitating designation of
2 the network service address as a default destination comprises maintaining a record of
3 a current default destination with an imaging extension.

1 5. The method of claim 4, further comprising the step of providing
2 content downloaded into the user browser with the network service address after an
3 appropriate command has been received.

1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of facilitating designation of
2 the network service address as a default destination comprises instructing a personal
3 imaging repository to designate the network service address as the default destination.

1 7. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of accessing the
2 network service address from the personal imaging repository after an appropriate
3 command has been received.

1 8. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of first detecting a
2 direct connection between a client device and the local device.

1 9. The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of removing the
2 designation of the service address as a default destination when the direct connection
3 is severed.

1 10. A system for facilitating access of a network service associated with a
2 local device, comprising:

3 means for obtaining an address of the network service from the local device
4 via a direct connection; and

5 means for facilitating designation of the network service address as a default
6 destination such that a user browser is redirected directly to the network service when
7 an appropriate command is received.

1 11. The system of claim 10, wherein the means for obtaining an address
2 comprise means for receiving a URL of the network service from the local device.

1 12. The system of claim 10, wherein the means for facilitating designation
2 of the network service address as a default destination comprise an imaging extension
3 of the user browser.

1 13. The system of claim 10, wherein the means for facilitating designation
2 of the network service address as a default destination comprise a direct connection
3 manager of a client device used to connect with the local device.

1 14. The system of claim 10, further comprising means for detecting direct
2 connection between a client device and the local device.

1 15. An imaging extension stored on a computer-readable medium,
2 comprising:
3 logic configured detect when a client device is directly connected to a local
4 device;
5 logic configured to obtain an address of a network service associated with the
6 local device via the direct connection; and
7 logic configured to designate the network service address as a default
8 destination.

1 16. The imaging extension of claim 15, further comprising logic
2 configured to remove the designation of the network service address as the default
3 destination.

1 17. The imaging extension of claim 15, wherein the extension comprises
2 part of a user browser that executes on the client device.

1 18. A direct connection manager stored on a computer-readable medium,
2 comprising:
3 logic configured detect when a client device is directly connected to a local
4 device;
5 logic configured to obtain an address of a network service associated with the
6 local device via the direct connection; and
7 logic configured to instruct a user personal imaging repository to designate the
8 network service address as a default destination.

1 19. The manager of claim 18, further comprising logic configured to
2 instruct the personal imaging repository to remove the designation of the network
3 service address as the default destination.